

AN ACT

relating to designating October as Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.109 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.109. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH. (a) October is Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month to:

(1) increase public awareness of the many achievements of people with disabilities;

(2) encourage public understanding of the disability rights movement; and

(3) reaffirm the local, state, and federal commitment to providing equality and inclusion for people with disabilities.

(b) Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month shall be regularly observed by appropriate celebration and activities to promote respect for and better treatment of people with disabilities in this state.

(c) Each public school may:

(1) elect to observe Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month; and

(2) determine the appropriate activities by which the school observes Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness

1 Month.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

H.B. No. 3616

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3616 was passed by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3616 on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3616 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spill

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
4:00 PM O'CLOCK

Don Edwards

Secretary of State